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SUBJECT: SIGNING THE CULTURAL AGREEMENT, AND THE ZHIVKOVA VISIT

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1. I THINK IT VERY LIKELY THAT THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT WILL FINALIZE THE TEXT OF THE PENDING CULTURAL/SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL AGREEMENT SHORTLY BEFORE LYUDMILLA ZHIVKOVA, THE DAUGHTER OF BULGARIA'S NUMERO UNO, GOES TO THE US. THIS MAY OR MAY NOT BE DUE TO STRATEGY -- IT COULD ALSO BE THAT THE DELAYS HAD OTHER REASONS -- BUT THIS PROSPECTIVE SITUATION FACES US BOTH AS AN OPPORTUNITY AND A HAZARD.

2. REFTEL POINTED OUT THE IMPORTANCE, FOR DIFFERENT REASONS, OF ARRANGING A SATISFACTORY VISIT TO WASHINGTON FOR MME. ZHIVKOVA, WHO HAS MINISTERIAL RANK. IT IS NO EXAGGERATION THAT FAILURE TO HAVE THAT VISIT, HOWEVER SHORT, TAKE PLACE IN THE CUSTOMARY MANNER, I.E. WITH APPROPRIATE FORMALITY, COULD BE INTERPRETED HERE AS A GRATUITOUS INSULT TO THE DAUGHTER OF A CHIEF OF STATE WHO WILL BE ON A LEGITIMATE CULTURAL MISSION TO OUR COUNTRY.

3. THE IMMINENCE X AVAILABILITY OF THE AGREEMENT FOR SIGNATURE SUGGESTS THAT THERE IS ANOTHER FACTOR MILITATING
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IN FAVOR OF SEEING TO IT THAT MME. ZHIVKOVA IS APPROPRIATELY RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON: IF THE AGREEMENT IS READY FOR SIGNATURE IN JUNE, THERE IS REALLY NO BULGARIAN MORE APPROPRIATE TO SIGN IT THAN MME. ZHIVKOVA WHO IS THE CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE OF ART AND CULTURE, AND NO MORE PLAUSIBLE PLACE FOR IT THAN WASHINGTON.

4. IN ADDITION, THERE WOULD BE MUCH ADVANTAGE TO US IN
HAVING THE DOCUMENT SIGNED BY ZHIVKOVA HERSELF WHILE SHE IS
IN WASHINGTON, THUS PUTINGTHE ZHIVKOV FAMILY SEAL OF
APPROVAL ON EXPANDED CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH THE US. WE
DON'T MEAN TO ADD ANOTHER PROBLEM (LEVEL OF SIGNING ON US
SIDE) TO THE ALREADY VEXING PROBLEM OF HOSTSHIP, BUT IT
APPEARS THAT WASHINGTON SHOULD NOW PLAN TO LINE UP THE
APPROPRIATE US PERSON WHO COULD, PERHAPS IN THE PRESENCE OF
SOMEONE OF CABINET RANK, SIGN THE DOCUMENT WITH MRS. ZHIVKOVA
IN JUNE.
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